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This transcript includes statements given by the following people:

6/24/96 -- 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Rich Parizon
Glenn Bennett

6/24/96 -- 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Dorothy Holt
Throne Varsenig
Ralph Walden
Warren Leimer
Ritch Alexander
John Calaway
Sharon Calaway
Tim Elliott
Richard Sanders
Joy Sanders
Julie Randall
Jerrell Miles
Jennifer Wilson
Mel Perkins
James Bailey
Mike Henderson
Nick Petrillo
Bessie Yount
Eric Wilson
Alice Maxey
Calvin Barton
Daniel McDowell

6/25/96 -- 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Elizabeth Moore
Marjorie Johnson

1 MR. RICHARD PARIZON: I think
2 they're doing a beautiful job. I've seen a
3 property they did already down where I live,
4 and I most definitely -- I got nine
5 grandchildren, and I don't want my -- see, my
6 yard is one of the worst ones on Spruce
7 Street. You know, I live on Spruce Street.
8 My yard is one of the worst ones.

9 I got nine grandkids that come over
10 there to see grandpa. I want mine cleaned up.
11 I don't care what Tarpoff says or not, that
12 alderman, I don't care what he says or not. I
13 want mine cleaned up. I seen the work they
14 do, and they do beautiful work.

15 See, I don't know what causes all
16 this. I got two daughters that can't have no
17 kids. One is going to be 42 and the other one
18 is 38. They had to adopt kids. And they was
19 all born in that house where I live. How do I
20 know what causes all this. See, my wife has
21 had three brain aneurysms and now she's had a
22 stroke. I'm taking chemo, I've got two
23 different kind of cancers.

24 It's got to be in that ground, you

1 know what I mean. They had to adopt kids. I
2 got nine of them that come over there and play
3 in the yard. I want to get that dirt out of
4 there.

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MR. GLENN BENNETT: My name is
Glenn Bennett. I live at 2232 Benton. I have
a 12-year-old daughter. What I'm trying to
do, I want to put my house up on the market to
sell. Now, if the city stops this, who is
going to be responsible? By law I have to
notify the buyers that the contamination is
there. Now, I don't know if that's going to
affect the bank's ability to loan on my
property or what. But I'm in favor for the
cleanup. That's basically it.

I just want to know basically who's
going to be responsible for it if it's not
cleaned up. You know, I don't want to be held
responsible because I know about it. Is
Granite City going to be responsible for it?
I don't know. That's why I'm here.

1 DOROTHY HOLT: I came tonight
2 because I think it's real important that the
3 people of Granite know that I had my home
4 tested for lead when they first started all
5 this, and I never had it treated because I
6 didn't think it was any problem, and I went to
7 sell my home this year, and I had a contract
8 on my home and I had a buyer, the Bank of
9 Madison, the Magna Bank of Madison, refused to
10 lend on the property.

11 I was told by the Bank of Madison
12 that until the lead was cleaned up I could not
13 sell my home, they would not finance it
14 through their institution. So I think it's
15 real important that people know that legally I
16 was stopped, halted on the sale of my home
17 because I had lead.

18 The lead has now been cleaned up
19 and I've got it back on the market. But I
20 don't know if that is a legal issue for
21 anyone. But I'm still waiting to sell my
22 house now because I was turned down for lead
23 on the property.

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1 VARSENIG THRONE: I live at 809
2 Niedringhaus. That's in Granite City. When
3 they came and cleaned the soil across the
4 street from my house, which is the Lincoln
5 Place Community Center, they had their masks
6 on, all their EPA clothes and everything. And
7 while I was there, I was talking to them, and
8 I was just like now, with no protection, and
9 I'm asking them questions, what they were
10 doing, because I thought they were going to
11 build a swimming pool, you know, they were
12 digging up.

13 Well, anyway, to make a long story
14 short, I asked them, I said, why are you doing
15 this. We have lived here all our lives, and
16 if this one area is contaminated, certainly my
17 place is and all the other places are. They
18 says, well, we've only got permission to clean
19 up this area. And they cleaned the soil, they
20 put the grass down.

21 And then they had to come back in
22 and clean up again. Evidently they had not
23 gone down far enough. So they fixed it up
24 again. Well, we laughed. We laughed

1 ourselves silly. Then the playground area was
2 put up again and they put asphalt where the
3 kids were going to play basketball and
4 everything.

5 Why did they come and spend all that
6 money, good money, for something like that, I
7 cannot understand. I just feel like, you
8 know, whatever has taken place many years
9 ago -- I'm going to be 74 in August -- I have
10 lived there most of my life -- if anything was
11 going to happen through the water, through the
12 lead in the paint or through the lead of the
13 soil or whatever, it should have taken me away
14 a long time ago.

15 My mother lived to be 91 and she
16 came to America in 1916. My father lived to
17 be 86-and-a-half, and he came here from the
18 old country in 1909. So I just feel like, you
19 know, if you have got the stamina and the, I
20 don't know what you could call it, but it's
21 either going to -- if you don't have the
22 resistance to begin with in your genes, you're
23 going to get sick anyway. I just think we're
24 all immune to it because we have been living

1 with it for so long.

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5 RALPH WALDEN: Well, I live in the
6 2200 block of Delmar. The lead level in the
7 soil is very low in that area. The EPA has
8 sent me a letter on some of my property and
9 said there is no lead in the soil, but now
10 they say that those letters they sent to me
11 were wrong.

12 I'm against the style of or type of
13 cleanup that they have started in our city. I
14 think the first thing that should happen in
15 any lead cleanup in Granite City is to remove
16 the lead pile at 16th and State Street first
17 and then only clean the properties that have
18 over 1,000 or whatever parts per million, that
19 only those yards should be cleaned.

20 And I think -- well, there are
21 several thoughts I have. I think they're
22 doing a very lousy job on the cleanup. I
23 think they're spending too much money. Those
24 figures that have been reported in the news

1 are ridiculous. I think it's a gross waste of
2 taxpayer money, as is this meeting.

3 This meeting is completely
4 disorganized. There is no presentation. You
5 receive curt, smart answers from the people
6 here, and I am thoroughly disgusted with the
7 thing. I have been following this thing for
8 years and was on the original citizens'
9 committee. That's all the comment I have to
10 offer.

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14 WARREN LEIMER: What I'd like to see
15 is that the EPA cleans up all of our yards.
16 We have eight buildings. Up to this point
17 they have worked on five. And it's been kind
18 of hectic in some cases, and sometimes we
19 can't get what we want done all the time, but
20 so far we're satisfied with two of them. And
21 they haven't quite finished on the other
22 three. I'd like to get the other three
23 completed.

24 And I know that this is good for our

1 young children. We rent to a number of young
2 children, and we need, we need it cleaned up
3 for them in a fashionable way. When they're
4 doing it -- one of the things that we'd like
5 to do is have them make it so the water runs
6 off. We have had had a little problem with
7 that. And I'm hopeful that that's
8 straightened out now. And we have had a
9 little problem with the stone, you know, it's
10 one of those things that comes up now and
11 then.

12 But the main thing is that we need
13 it cleaned up for all the kids. And we're for
14 it. We have always been for it, ever since
15 1989 or whenever it first started. I'd like
16 them to keep right on doing it until they're
17 finished. So that's about all.

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21 RITCH ALEXANDER: I'm very
22 disappointed in the way this whole situation
23 is seemingly being handled. First of all, at
24 this meeting tonight I was very disappointed

1 because I was expecting to hear the viewpoints
2 from both sides, be able to ask questions,
3 hear a response from both sides, form an
4 opinion on my own.

5 And rather than that happening, I
6 was constantly told by EPA representatives
7 that there was nothing to debate, there was
8 nothing to have a public discussion on, that
9 there were people here that you could just go
10 around and ask questions to. I was concerned
11 about hearing two or three different answers
12 as I asked questions. So I still haven't
13 gotten complete answers to my questions
14 regarding what will happen to my property if
15 it is cleaned, will my property be restored to
16 its original condition.

17 I live in an old downtown home. The
18 trees in my back yard are quite large. There
19 is an extensive root system above ground. If
20 they take out inches of my dirt, there is
21 absolutely no way they can avoid taking out
22 trees. I have concerns about that.

23 I have concerns about whether or not
24 they would, if I decided to sell my property,

1 if they would redline my property and prevent
2 me from selling it. All of these are
3 questions that there seem to be some hesitancy
4 on to answer.

5 I do want as a matter of record,
6 Brad said, when I asked him, would you give me
7 in writing a document that would stand up in
8 court of what you would do to restore my yard
9 back to its original integrity, he said he
10 would. So I want that on record, because
11 honestly I'm not convinced he meant that.
12 Thank you.

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16 JOHN CALAWAY: Basically I grew up
17 at my current address, my grandparents' house.
18 My parents' house was four houses closer to
19 the site. So I have grown up eating dirt. I
20 was one of the kids that ate more dirt than
21 anybody else in the neighborhood. I've turned
22 out fine, my sister turned out fine.

23 When they say they're going to clean
24 up, keep the yards and everything the way it

1 is -- I have got a tree in the backyard that
2 started from a seed 15 years ago. It was from
3 a seed from the front yard tree before it
4 died. They're not in the forestry books. So
5 if they would kill my tree, they cannot
6 replace the tree I have. Or if they would
7 find one, there is 15 years of growth in a
8 slow growing hard maple that -- I'll be losing
9 shade.

10 You have got so many other things,
11 sidewalks and things, they'll shift, the
12 foundation is going to move. I have got a
13 brick foundation. You know, they keep saying
14 they'll guarantee they will put it right, but
15 too many times I have known they haven't.
16 They're tracking mud, dirt all over town in
17 the process. They're spreading it worse than
18 they're cleaning it up.

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22 SHARON CALAWAY: Well, the only
23 thing that I'm opposed to it for is because in
24 the first place they have never proven to me

1 that there is a problem. I have never seen
2 anything that proves that there is a high
3 content of lead in this area.

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7 TIM ELLIOTT: Basically I'd just
8 like to say that I'm opposed to the EPA's
9 remediation. I don't believe that there is a
10 problem. I have never believed that there is
11 a problem. And if there were a source of
12 contamination, it's the lead pile, and they
13 have never made any movement to remove that.

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17 RICHARD SANDERS: I'd just like to
18 have my yard cleaned up for my kids and so
19 that I can sell my house later on if I decide
20 to. And all my neighbors got their yards
21 cleaned up. It makes my yard look ungodly,
22 you know. That's about it.

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1 JOY SANDERS: I think that it should
2 be cleaned up. I don't understand why the
3 city is coming in between it. The money is
4 not coming from the city, it's coming from the
5 Super Fund. I just don't understand why
6 they're trying to get in the middle of it.
7 The mayor doesn't live down where we live. He
8 does not, obviously he doesn't understand what
9 is going on.

10 The yards are dirty down there.
11 They need to be cleaned up. The lead that
12 they're talking about, paint in the houses,
13 that has been cleaned up already. We just
14 looked at a sheet that had a listing of the
15 houses that had lead, high lead paint levels,
16 and most of them are right there within the
17 area of the pile that needs to be capped.

18 17th Street where we live at, there
19 wasn't nothing on our street, you know, where
20 it had any of the lead in the houses, you now,
21 that needed to be cleaned up. Our house has
22 already been lead-free except for the dirt
23 around the outside of the house.

24 I think that what the EPA is doing,

1 they're showing us results. The city wants to
2 come in, they want to hire this person and
3 train this person to clean up the lead, you
4 know, that's in the paint in the houses. I
5 think that's ridiculous. They're going to
6 hire some people, they're going to train
7 people, they're going to buy equipment, and
8 it's going to be 50 years before they get the
9 dirt or the lead cleaned up anywhere.

10 The EPA has already, I mean, they're
11 showing us results right now. A lot of the
12 homes, the houses around there, not only do
13 they look better, you know, you can feel
14 comfortable letting your kids go outside ad
15 play not worrying, you know, if they're going
16 to be digging in dirt that is contaminated. I
17 can't do that right now because the dirt is so
18 contaminated. So I still have to worry about
19 that.

20 That's why I don't think that they
21 should stop. I think they should keep on
22 going until the problem, all the dirt is taken
23 care of. And then they need, I feel that they
24 do need to cap the pile, you know, after all

1 the dirt is cleaned up from the yards.

2 But I don't believe that it's going
3 to get recontaminated. If you dig up that
4 much dirt I think it's going to be years and
5 years and years before it's ever
6 recontaminated. Like I said, we can't even
7 sell our house right now. We were going to,
8 but they said that we would have to disclose
9 that it has lead contamination in the soil.
10 So we're stuck. There is nothing that we can
11 do. We have to stay there, at least until,
12 you know, everything is cleaned up.

13 The only thing that we can do is
14 work on the inside of the home. We can't even
15 really do anything to the outside of it, you
16 know. There is a lot that we did want to do
17 to it, but we can't. So I just wanted to let
18 them know that I think the EPA is showing us
19 results right now. I think that they should
20 go on and they should finish doing what they
21 started doing in the first place. I don't
22 believe that the city should jump in. I don't
23 think they have any right.

24 Like I said, the mayor doesn't live

1 where we live at. He can stand back and look,
2 you know, and say, well, I think this needs to
3 be done or that that needs to be done, this
4 needs to be stopped or whatever, but we live
5 there on a day-to-day basis, and he doesn't
6 realize -- he just doesn't realize like us.

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10 JULIE RANDALL: Well, we have a
11 seven-month-old child at home and we just
12 would like to have it cleaned up for the best
13 interest of our child. And we're having, we
14 know that the inside of the house does not
15 have a high lead content, it's all contained,
16 and that we're having vinyl siding put on this
17 summer, so I don't see any problem with it
18 recontaminating the yard.

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22 JERRELL MILES: I own the property
23 at 2141 State Street. I don't live there, but
24 I own it. My son and granddaughter and

1 another renter live there. But I'm totally
2 against, you know, the cleanup on that
3 particular property. My renter's been raising
4 a garden there for something like 30 years, it
5 hasn't hurt her a bit. I believe they were
6 tested back when this first started and they
7 weren't contaminated. So I just think it's a
8 waste of taxpayers' money to keep this up.

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12 JENNIFER WILSON: I feel that the
13 cleanup that is going on now should resume,
14 and that what everyone is overlooking is the
15 fact that they're cleaning up the yards, which
16 is good. They should remove or cap the lead
17 pile. But in regards to the interior and the
18 exterior paint, they're overlooking the fact
19 that they need to educate the people in
20 regards to how to deal with it with their
21 children until it can be fixed.

22 The interior paint, I believe, is up
23 to the homeowners. But if they own the house,
24 they should be the ones that, you know, it's

1 their responsibility. And until they can do
2 that, or in regards to the exterior, that
3 these people need to be educated. They may
4 not know what parts per million are, they may
5 not know where the lead is coming from or what
6 it can do to the children. I just think that
7 they need to be educated.

8 I know that there are people on our
9 block that don't know anything and they let
10 their children go on and do this and do this,
11 and then they come back and they complain
12 because their children are lead contaminated.
13 They don't have a lick of education as to tell
14 their children, you know, don't eat the stuff
15 that's on the inside of the house.

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19 MEL PERKINS: Well, I think the city
20 is making a big issue out of this. I think
21 there are some people in the city, the
22 aldermen or the city organization that runs
23 the city, that has got property down by the
24 pile and they want that cleaned up so they can

1 open up a business down there, get their
2 business going. They don't care about the
3 citizens of Granite City.

4 Most of the aldermen that are
5 aldermen are not in the infected areas of
6 lead. So it's all over money and politics.
7 They could care less about us. I even talked
8 to my alderman to try to get my driveway
9 fixed, and he told me that I was in an
10 undeveloped neighborhood. Because down 23rd
11 Street and Washington Street, which is
12 farther north, they fixed about three blocks
13 of driveways and curbing and stuff like that.
14 And I don't think that's right just because
15 they're in a richer neighborhood.

16 See, I live down there on 1707
17 Delmar. I've been there over 25 years, and my
18 dad has been there longer than that. My
19 grandma, she's been there since the 30's, next
20 door there. She owned three or four houses
21 there. And I own two of the lots now. I own
22 my dad's and then the lot next to me. And we
23 have been trying to get the yards done and
24 everything, but my schedule won't allow it

1 right now. They was ready to do it, but we're
2 going to try and do it a little later this
3 year.

4 But I think it's pretty bad for the
5 city to try to shut us down, to shut the EPA
6 down to do the lead just because of their
7 greed or they are wanting the money for
8 something else or, you know, that they didn't
9 get any money out of this deal because their
10 yards are not affected. I think that's
11 basically what it's all about.

12 So I'd like to see the EPA win this
13 case in court so they can get our yards done
14 and try to get the lead out. It's going to
15 take a while to get all the lead out because
16 you've got other sources of lead. You've got
17 lead paint, and they used to have leaded
18 gasoline, and the air is still probably
19 contaminated with some kind of lead from some
20 other source, and then you've got lead in the
21 ground.

22 Well, you need to start somewhere,
23 and you might as well start with the ground,
24 because that's what the kids play on all the

1 time and they're mostly touching it and
2 everything. And then maybe the lead paint
3 would be next and then the air and stuff. Now
4 the pile, I don't think it's really
5 contaminating that much because the ground
6 water and stuff around that area that gets
7 affected, nobody is drinking the water, nobody
8 has many gardens around there that I can see.
9 So that is just a view on it. So I'd just
10 like to see that the EPA gets back on their
11 schedule and gets things done that the people
12 really want done.

13 Now, if there are some people that
14 don't want them done, that's all right, but
15 there are some that do. I think they should
16 be allowed to go in and do them. I don't
17 think the city should have any say really in
18 this matter, because it don't really involve
19 them. That's basically all I can say.

20 And I'd just like to see -- you
21 know, I got a boy, and I'd like to see him not
22 be contaminated with any kind of lead or
23 anything. We got tested and it was way down,
24 it wasn't that bad, but you never know how it

1 can affect you. There are new things going on
2 all the time that can really affect you. I
3 just hope that they get it straightened out.
4 It's kind of a sad ordeal. The city officials
5 and stuff, the aldermen and stuff, they aren't
6 even living in the stuff.

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10 JAMES BAILEY: Well, I think that
11 being a resident of Granite City all of my
12 life -- I'm 33 years old -- I think if this,
13 any of this money ain't coming out of the
14 city's pocket, the city needs to keep their
15 nose out of it. We as individual persons
16 ought to have the right to let the EPA come on
17 our personal property and do the removal of
18 the soil and lead out of our yard.

19 If there is recontamination over a
20 period of years of wind blowing or other
21 companies opening up, blowing it around, we'll
22 deal with that at that time. Then if you go
23 with the aspect of if it takes three to four
24 years for it to be recontaminated where it

1 would be dangerous to the levels of my kids
2 and other kids in the neighborhood, I think
3 that there will be three or four years of
4 safety that we can say our kids are in where
5 it would have a chance for the lead that our
6 kids now contain in their body to be
7 eliminated or reduced.

8 In 1993 I was running for city
9 office, mayor of Granite City, and I learned a
10 great deal in a very costly, expensive way of
11 how politics work in Granite City and the way
12 they maneuver and manipulate the laws to suit
13 thereself. And I think that if we ain't got
14 no say so over our own properties, I think
15 that the city ought to start paying our
16 property taxes and quit paying it to the
17 county and to the state and to the federal
18 government. And that means judges, lawyers
19 and all is going to have to reduce their wages
20 that they're getting paid and their
21 lifestyles. So this all goes from big
22 government right on down to little government.

23 The city has got a good lawyer, or
24 he thinks he's good. But I think what happens

1 on our own personal property is our own
2 business. They pass city ordinances and
3 everything to tell you how you have to keep
4 your yard and how much you have to cut your
5 grass, how often you cut your grass, how your
6 house should look, how many times you painted
7 every five years, make sure you don't paint it
8 with lead -- I mean that's a health hazard
9 with the lead -- but as far as maintaining
10 your house and grass cutting height and stuff
11 like that there, some people get carried away
12 with it, but the majority of the people don't.

13 And what it all boils down to is
14 that the city is wanting a little bit of
15 prestige, you know, if they stop the federal
16 government from doing something in a home,
17 rural town, that they shouldn't be doing, it's
18 a form of prestige. And I think they need to
19 keep their nose out of our business, with us,
20 the people of Granite City and EPA, because it
21 ain't costing them a dime.

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1 MIKE HENDERSON: Well, I was
2 informed that I had lead content in my yard.
3 Well, I have four children ages 10, 8, 7 and
4 3. And, you know, I talked to an on-site
5 manager, and he told me, you know, it could be
6 this year or it could be next year. What is
7 the kid supposed to do in the meantime until I
8 get this cleaned up? I can't send them to
9 grandma's every day. I mean, I'm all for the
10 cleanup. I just hope they get started in a
11 bigger, more positive way and maybe come over
12 sooner to get my yard done. I mean, I seen
13 yards in the area and they look great,
14 unbelievable.

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18 NICK PETRILLO: Well, I'm opposed to
19 this. I simply think that they have forgotten
20 that the single most important thing is the
21 children. I don't think they have done an
22 adequate job in terms of education of diet,
23 and I don't think they do a very good job on
24 the follow-up of the blood contamination of a

1 kid with the lead.

2 I think there should be follow-up in
3 order to find out is there any significant
4 reduction in the blood level. We seem to be
5 addressing the dirt issue, but not the real
6 issue, which is the children, which they keep
7 talking about. We don't really seem to
8 address that.

9 The other problem I have is, I think
10 East St. Louis and Venice and places like that
11 have just as much if not much more
12 contamination, lead contamination with their
13 children than we do. But I think because of
14 economics, since there are not the businesses
15 that they can sue to get that money, they
16 focus more on communities that have some money
17 where they have a chance to recover that money
18 through legal ways.

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22 BESSIE YOUNT: I do appreciate what
23 they have done for us. They did do a real
24 good job on my yard, my house. I think that

1 they have been good for our community. Our
2 neighborhood is much better. I feel that our
3 children are having a much safer place to
4 play. You know, it's something we have needed
5 for a long time. Our neighborhood has been
6 rejected by the city for so long that we
7 really feel that we're in the middle of a
8 fight, which we shouldn't be.

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12 ERIC WILSON: I'd just like to say
13 that the EPA has done work that the city
14 hasn't been able to do or wouldn't do for the
15 last 15 years. Sidewalks have been destroyed,
16 you know easement, the easement was actually
17 dangerous to walk across, they have fixed it
18 and they have done a professional job.

19 Weather caused them to have delays,
20 it's no big deal to me. You know, there was a
21 time, I can't say that I didn't complain, but
22 the end result is ten times better than it
23 was. I don't actually know what, why Granite
24 City, what their position is, why they're

1 trying to stop them, what their motives are,
2 but they haven't had any interest in our area
3 since I have been a child living there.

4 I have lived there all my life and
5 have had the same broken curbs, the same
6 streets. The whole area is in the same
7 deteriorating condition, without any help from
8 the city other than maybe you could catch an
9 asphalt truck, grab a couple of shovelfuls and
10 fix a hole in front of your house. You do it
11 yourself. That's the only way to get it done.

12 I don't know why they would try to
13 stop them other than the talk about wanting to
14 commercialize the whole area, eliminate it.
15 You know, I have heard Tarpoff say, you know,
16 put some grass on it, plant flowers and forget
17 about it. I think that's what they ought to
18 do to their pile, if the city wants it fixed,
19 put some dirt on it and plant flowers.

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24 ALICE MAXEY: I just want to say

1 that I want the EPA to continue their cleanup,
2 to stay in the neighborhood. They are doing a
3 fantastic job. I think the city, if the city
4 would leave them alone, they could get it all
5 done and be out of here. The pile, they say
6 they're going to cap it, and the yards are
7 being cleaned -- and I just hope they win in
8 court and come back and clean up the rest of
9 the contamination for the kids.

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13 CALVIN BARTON: Well, I'm just glad
14 that my yard is getting done, because I have
15 three young children and they go out and they
16 play in this dirt. I disagree with the fact
17 that the EPA is not going to remove the lead
18 pile. I would like to see that done because I
19 think it's going to cause future problems.

20 I am glad that they are doing
21 something. At least somebody is doing
22 something and not playing a waiting game and
23 is getting something done that benefits the
24 kids. Because right now I feel that my kids

1 will benefit in the fact that it's being
2 cleaned up.

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6 DANIEL MCDOWELL: My name is Dan
7 McDowell. I live at 2237 Edison, part of the
8 cleanup area. I do appreciate the opportunity
9 to speak to the EPA. I also appreciate the
10 city taking into account the information that
11 is available from the University of Cincinnati
12 Study. I feel that the limit should be 1,000
13 parts per million, not anything less than that
14 for cleanup purposes, and that the EPA should
15 recognize the city's negotiations with PRP's,
16 potentially responsible parties, to try to
17 come to a conclusion that would benefit the
18 residents of the city. Possibly in the future
19 the EPA would be better advised to look at
20 soil abatement with removal of the lead dust
21 in the homes at the same time rather than
22 start abatement only by itself.

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24 ELIZABETH MOORE: Well, I think the

1 Granite City aldermen are wrong. They should
2 let the EPA clean it up because we have so
3 many children and babies. My husband died
4 with cancer -- it was rectal cancer -- about
5 13 years ago. I wouldn't be surprised if that
6 isn't where he got it. So I think they're
7 completely wrong. They should let them clean
8 it up and make our environment safe.

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12 MARJORIE JOHNSON: All I can say is
13 that the workers that are doing my work are
14 very considerate to the people there, you
15 know, to get in our driveways and park.
16 Shoot, they know how to really operate their
17 machinery, because my mother watched them
18 every day, you know, when they dug, and she
19 said they could really just go down there and
20 never touch that concrete but have all that
21 dirt up.

22 And they have been good and careful
23 with the property. They just don't go in and
24 slop it up. They take time with it and dig it

1 where they're not breaking your concrete up
2 and tearing stuff down, you know. And I have
3 got the best looking driveway I ever had over
4 there. But if I get a little grass today I'll
5 be doing fine. They're doing a fantastic job.
6 I can't say there is anything wrong with them.
7 I couldn't ask for more. I'm glad I had it
8 done.

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